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STATE FARMS TO OPEN FOOD STORES

OPEN STORES TO PREVENT RISE IN FOOD PRICES -- Belgrade, Borba, 22 Oct 50

Because of the drought, farmers are increasing food prices on the free market. To prevent the rise of food prices on the free market, the federal government has ordered state farms to open their own free market food stores in large industrial centers.

Recently the Belje farm opened its first food store in Belgrade. The Belje store lowered its free market prices 10-20 percent, as compared to the prices set by independent farmers.

By 15 November 1950, 20 such stores are scheduled to be opened in Yugoslavia. State-farm free-market food stores will be opened in Belgrade, Novi Sad, Zrenjanin, Kragujevac, Nis, Trepca, and Bor (all in Serbia); Zagreb, Osijek, Rijeka, and Split (Croatia); Ljubljana and Jesenice (Slovenia); Sarajevo and Zenica (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Skoplje and Bitolj or Titov Veles (Macedonia); and Titograd (Montenegro).

More stores could not be opened this fall because state farms had to deliver most of their produce to the government and because their production was low due to the drought.

After having delivered their quota of products to the government purchasing agencies, state farms will be able to sell the remaining products in their new stores. The products which these stores will not be able to sell include fattened hogs; to some extent wheat; wool, hides, and milk.

It is planned that farm work cooperatives individually or in groups will also open such stores.

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LOWERED CORN CROP-PURCHASING PLAN 49.4 PERCENT FULFILLED -- Ljubljana, Sloven-
ski Porocevalec, 23 Oct 50

Up to 18 October of this year, 49.4 percent of the lowered Yugoslav corn crop-purchasing plan was fulfilled. The purchasing of corn has not yet begun in Slovenia. The lowered plan was fulfilled by 70 percent in Bosnia and Herzegovina, 60.5 percent in Croatia, 55.7 percent in Serbia, and 13 percent in Macedonia. The purchasing of corn began very recently in Macedonia.

DELIVERY OF WHEAT TO STATE -- Paris, Tanjug, 31 Aug 50

Members of farm work cooperatives and state farms, as well as private farmers, have delivered about 70 percent of the planned quotas of wheat for this year, and 15 percent more than they delivered in the same period last year. Three times as much wheat has already been delivered from the fertile wheat regions of Slovenia as was delivered at the end of August 1949. Grain collection is being done most rapidly in Macedonia, where 80 percent of the plan has already been realized. The farm work cooperatives alone, to which nearly 50 percent of the Macedonian farmers belong, have fulfilled 95 percent of their obligations in wheat to the state. The plan for collection in other parts of Yugoslavia is proceeding normally.

LIVESTOCK INCREASE IN THE VOJVODINA -- Paris, Tanjug, 25 Sep 50

Livestock in the farm work cooperatives in the Vojvodina have increased considerably in the first 6 months of this year. The number of swine has increased to more than 63,000, sheep to more than 32,000, and cattle to around 2,600.

Almost all the 740 farm work cooperatives in the Vojvodina, composed of more than 17,000 families with about 700,000 hectares of arable land, are already organized and have become model farms. A good harvest has been produced by the use of agricultural techniques in spite of this year's drought. The "Mose Pijade" and the "Petar Drapsin" cooperatives at Novi Sad have harvested more than 20 cubic meters of wheat per hectare.

HAS LARGEST HARVEST OF SUGAR-BEET SEEDS -- Paris, Tanjug, 21 Sep 50

To date, the large state farm at Belje near Osijek in Croatia has produced the largest harvest of sugar-beet seeds in Yugoslavia, or 2.7 kilograms per hectare. The total harvest, 120 quintals, will supply 70 percent of the needs of growers this year.

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